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Docket No: 27702/10049B

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Title:

Low Polarity Dimerate And Trimerate Esters As Plasticizers For Thermoplastic

Compositions

1. Type of Application

This is a new application for a

utility patent.

This claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/458,648, filed March 28, 2003, and U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/460,903, filed April 7, 2003.

2. Application Papers Enclosed

- 1 Title Page
- Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Sequence Listing & Drawings)
- 8 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 0 Sheet(s) of Drawings

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on March 29, 2004, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Maling Label No. EV 341 015 365 US

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3. Declaration or Oath

Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Small Entity Status

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

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6. Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

are not attached.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED	
US	60/458,648	March 28, 2003	
US	60/460,903	April 7, 2003	

7. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

A. Utility Application

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT(S) (IF ANY)							
			SMAI	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE	
BASIC FEE				\$385.00		\$770.00	
TOTAL	26 - 20	= 6.	X 9=	\$54.00	X 18 =		
INDEP.	2 - 3	= 0	X 43 =	\$0.00	X 86 =		
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 145 =	\$0.00	+ 290 =		
Filing Fee:			ee:	\$439.00	or		

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9. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

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